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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 27 pages, including 3 independent claim(s) and 17 claims total.
2. Appendix A, 1 page; and Appendix B, 6 pages.
3. Drawings - 7 sheets of informal drawings (Figures 1-7).
4. A check for \$690 representing the filing fee.

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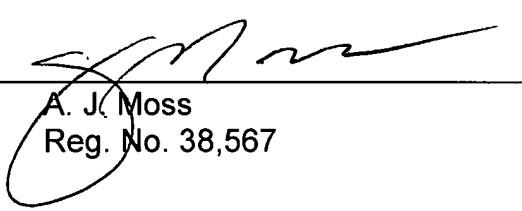
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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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